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**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 7, 2003 5:30 PM  
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**From:** Ray Ruthenberg  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 7, 2003 7:22 PM  
**Subject:** deregulation

Dear Mr. Copps,

I am writing to let you know I'm against any deregulation that will allow cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast media, and against the consolidation of media.

I believe such consolidation is not good for the free dissemination of all the news, and I support you in your work to prevent such deregulation.

Ray Ruthenberg.  
Stockton, Illinois

**CC:** American Free Press

**From:** Kunicdesigns@wmconnect.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 7, 2003 8:00 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation of media

Michael Copps, Commissioner  
F.C.C. 445 12th St. SW  
Washington DC, 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I oppose the push of deregulation of media ownership by Mr. Powell. I support your effort to stop this terrible blow to freedom of ownership in the media and to keep the press free of deregulation. Mr. Powell is wrong to try to force this unfair deregulation on the people when he knows how strongly we oppose it. He must not succeed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Helen Kunic  
Paso Robles, California

**From:** Micheleanderic@yahoo.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 7, 2003 8:30 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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**From:** G. McKinnon  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue. Apr 8, 2003 12:35 AM  
**Subject:** Ownership deregulation

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**From:** Heller, Martha  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein, Johanna Mikes  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 9.2003 10:38 AM  
**Subject:** MB Docket No. 02-277

Please find attached copies of the ex parte notices filed in the above-referenced proceedings with respect to your meeting with Victor Miller and Richard Wiley on Friday, April 7.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this filing

Thank you

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VIA ELECTRONIC **FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
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Re: Notice of Permitted ~~Ex~~ Parte Presentation, 2002 Biennial  
Regulatory Review—Review of the Commission's Broadcast  
Ownership Rules, MB Docket No. **02-277**

Dear Ms. Dortch

On behalf of Victor B. Miller IV of Bear Stearns & Co., Inc. ("Bear Stearns") and pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice of a permitted oral *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On April 4, 2003, Victor Miller, Managing Director, Equity Research—Radio and Television Broadcasting of Bear Stearns, and Richard E. Wiley of Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP met with Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and his Legal Advisor, Johanna Mikes. The meeting participants discussed the media ownership rules at issue in the proceeding and the financial implications of the proceeding for the media industry.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Martha E. Heller

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cc: Jonathan Adelstein (via e-mail)  
Johanna Mikes (via e-mail)  
Linda Senecal (via hand delivery and e-mail)  
Mania Baghdadi (via hand delivery and e-mail)

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**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 9, 2003 1:07 PM  
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**From:** mlrn3@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Please STOP further media deregulation

Dear Commissioner Copps,

It was brought to our attention that the FCC intends to lift present restrictions and further consolidate our media. News and ideas are too important to be controlled by a small group of people

Please let this letter serve as my formal complaint and objection to any pending FCC rulings which may lift restriction's on mergers between TV broadcast networks and the number of local TV or radio stations owned by one company. Such deregulation threatens to further stifle the diversity of programming for consumers, advertisers and producers. One of the main charges of the FCC is to promote diversity, which doesn't just refer to people of color, it refers to many different types of programming. We applaud you Commissioner Copps for attempting to draw attention to this problem. I would like to go on record as being opposed to increased or further media deregulation and wish for you to act on my behalf and STOP further media deregulation.  
God bless you, Sir.

Respectfully yours,

Melanie Lane  
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Charleston. SC

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